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Idaho Milk Production Down 1.4 Percent

Idaho milk production during October 2009 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, a 1.4 percent decrease from the same month last year, but 1.1 percent up from September 2009. September 2009 milk production was 1.01 billion pounds, down 2 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in October 2009 was 1,870 pounds, unchanged from October 2008. The average number of milk cows during October was 546,000 head, unchanged from September 2009 revised estimate, but down 8,000 head from October 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.3 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from October 2008. September revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from September 2008. The September revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 196,000 head less than October 2008, and 22,000 head less than September 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, October 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	186	166	1,835	1,840	341	305	-10.6
California	1,845	1,767	1,835	1,815	3,386	3,207	-5.3
Colorado	130	116	1,890	1,930	246	224	-8.9
Florida	119	113	1,225	1,260	146	142	-2.7
Idaho	554	546	1,870	1,870	1,036	1,021	-1.4
Illinois	102	101	1,490	1,550	152	157	3.3
Indiana	166	168	1,625	1,680	270	282	4.4
Iowa	215	215	1,690	1,690	363	363	-
Kansas	118	112	1,720	1,750	203	196	-3.4
Michigan	353	355	1,845	1,860	651	660	1.4
Minnesota	466	469	1,555	1,585	725	743	2.5
Missouri	110	105	1,180	1,170	130	123	-5.4
New Mexico	334	317	1,920	2,020	641	640	-0.2
New York	625	614	1,620	1,625	1,013	998	-1.5
Ohio	278	276	1,510	1,570	420	433	3.1
Oregon	115	114	1,615	1,625	186	185	-0.5
Pennsylvania	549	539	1,570	1,600	862	862	-
Texas	428	413	1,625	1,720	696	710	2.0
Utah	85	83	1,765	1,780	150	148	-1.3
Vermont	139	134	1,490	1,495	207	200	-3.4
Virginia	97	95	1,435	1,485	139	141	1.4
Washington	245	240	1,920	1,940	470	466	-0.9
Wisconsin	1,253	1,258	1,625	1,675	2,036	2,107	3.5
23 State Total	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,721	14,469	14,313	-1.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho October Red Meat Production Down 15 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2009 totaled 19.3 million pounds, down 15 percent from October of last year. October production was down 1 percent from September 2009 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2009 period totaled 191.2 million pounds, down 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.53 billion pounds produced in October 2008. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 3 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,312 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 10 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 83,600 head, down 13 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 2 pounds from October a year ago. January to October 2009 commercial red meat production was 41.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2009 As Percent of ^{2/}	
				October 2008	September 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	148.3	140.1	144.4	97	103
Colorado	177.1	173.3	180.3	102	104
Idaho	22.8	19.5	19.3	85	99
Illinois	279.3	248.2	256.3	92	103
Iowa	650.5	615.5	637.8	98	104
Kansas	462.5	454.6	445.1	96	98
Minnesota	239.1	228.5	239.6	100	105
Montana	1.6	1.3	1.6	98	125
Nebraska	665.7	628.5	660.9	99	105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	68	78
Oklahoma	103.8	97.5	98.8	95	101
Oregon	5.4	4.9	5.4	99	109
South Dakota	99.3	78.6	77.6	78	99
Texas	453.9	428.7	424.7	94	99
Utah	44.6	33.4	38.6	87	116
Washington	75.1	*73.2	72.0	96	98
Wyoming	0.3	0.5	0.3	91	52
United States	4,529.3	*4,261.9	4,391.1	97	103

* Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ^{1/}

Type	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 2009 As Percent of	
				Oct 2008	Sep 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,340.9	*2,234.1	2,275.4	97	102
Veal	13.5	11.7	12.2	90	105
Pork	2,159.9	2,001.3	2,089.1	97	104
Lamb & Mutton	15.0	14.8	14.3	95	97
Total Red Meat ^{2/}	4,529.3	*4,261.9	4,391.1	97	103

* Revised.

1 Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2 Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on November 1, 2009 totaled 210,000 head. The cattle on feed inventory was up 2 percent from the previous month but unchanged from November 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in feedlots in Idaho with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 50,000 head, down 5,000 head from October 2008 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during October totaled 44,000 head, up 5,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during October 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.42 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 615,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 579,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during October, 12 percent below 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

State	November 1, 2008	October 1, 2009	November 1, 2009		
			Number	As % of 2008	As % of Oct.
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	362	275	279	77	101
California	500	465	470	94	101
Colorado	960	960	1,040	108	108
Idaho	210	205	210	100	102
Iowa	485	520	540	111	104
Kansas	2,230	2,220	2,330	104	105
Nebraska	2,310	2,170	2,400	104	111
Oklahoma	320	355	375	117	106
South Dakota	200	195	205	103	105
Texas	2,710	2,600	2,730	101	105
Washington	163	147	155	95	105
Other States	350	362	400	(X)	110
United States	10,972	10,474	11,134	101	106

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on October 31, 2009, totaled 948 million pounds, an increase of 2 percent from September 30, 2009, but down 1 percent from October 31, 2008. Other frozen potatoes, at 218 million pounds, increased 10 percent from September 30, 2009 stocks, but decreased 10 percent from last year.

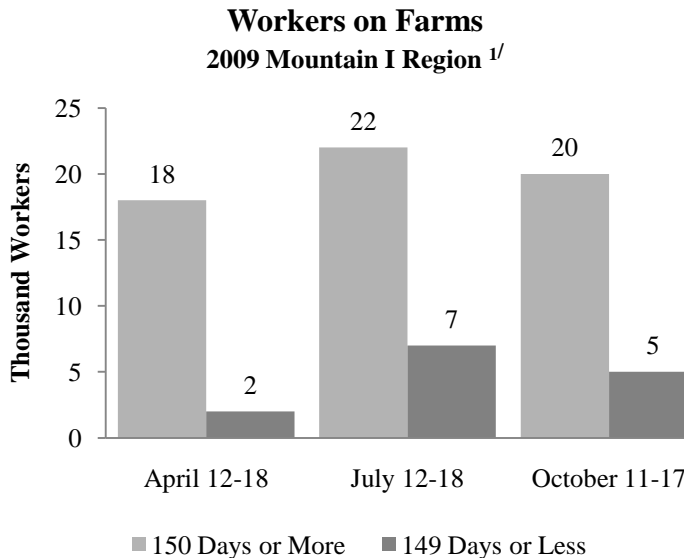
United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2009, totaled 195 million pounds, down 14 percent from the previous month, but up 31 percent from October 2008. Stocks of American cheese totaled 580 million pounds, down 3 percent from September 30, 2009, but up 7 percent from October 31, 2008.

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2008	Sept. 30, 2009	Oct. 31, 2009	% of 2008
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	957,150	932,227	947,555	99
Other Frozen	243,336	198,022	217,816	90
Total	1,200,486	1,130,249	1,165,371	97
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	149,391	227,924	195,063	131
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	540,140	596,191	579,638	107

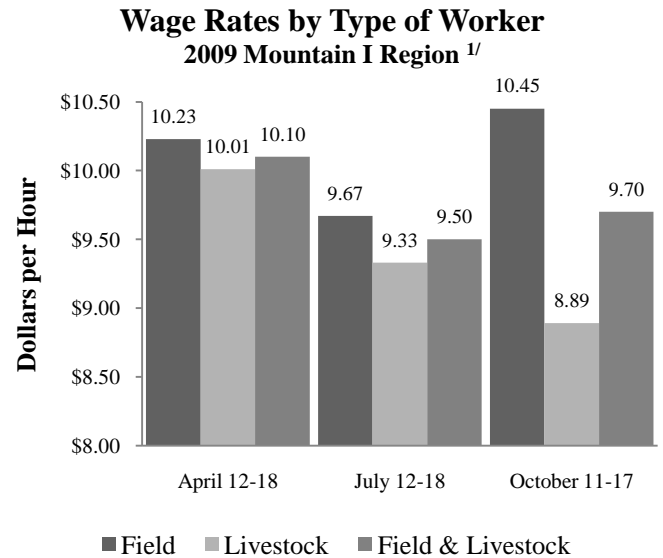
October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 25,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 11-17, 2009. Hired workers worked an average of 45.0 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.05 per hour.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.91 per hour during the October 2009 reference week, up 21 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.25 per hour, up 20 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.23 per hour compared with \$10.21 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.24 per hour, was up 15 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 6 percent from a year ago.



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